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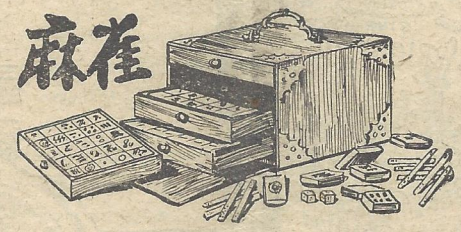

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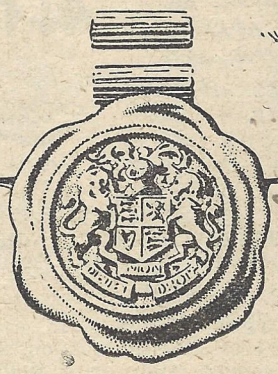

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Association (Soccer) Football: Its Origin and Evolution

By R.H.M.

[illegible]atches between Scottish [illegible] English clubs were much [illegible] numerous during the sea[illegible] 1877-78 than before, the [illegible] interesting being that be[illegible] the holders of the Eng[illegible] and Scotch Cups respect[illegible]. In this the Vale of [illegible] came to London and de[illegible] the Wanderers—a very [illegible]able performance. Cam[illegible] University were not [illegible] able to avenge this defeat [illegible] countrymen, but their [illegible] visit to Glasgow to play [illegible]'s Park was rewarded by [illegible]cellent game in which [illegible] scored. Nevertheless, [illegible] can be no doubt that the [illegible]men had surpassed the [illegible] in their general im[illegible]ment chiefly because they [illegible] too conservative to re[illegible] the value of the true [illegible] game. Another Asso[illegible] which afterwards did [illegible] for the game, viz., the [illegible]shire, was inaugurated [illegible] this season, thanks to [illegible]gy of T. C. Slaney, who [illegible]rwards secretary of the [illegible] cricket club, and whose [illegible] death, in 1898, was [illegible] by all who knew him. [illegible] but sure" was the pro[illegible] of the cup entries, [illegible] being the total for 1877-78, when the Old Harrovians came to the front, and reached the penultimate stage, before being beaten by the Royal Engineers, who met and were beaten by the Wanderers in the final. This was the fifth victory of the Wanderers during the seven years the cup had been competed for, and, as it was the third in succession, the trophy became their own. They, however, presented it to the Association as a perpetual challenge cup, and it was, in spite of its small size, eagerly competed for until a few years ago, when it was stolen while in the possession of the Aston Villa Club. It was, however, replaced by one of exactly the same size and design, which is still the symbol of the blue riband of Association football. For the second year in succession the Vale of Leven won the Scottish Cup, defeating in the final the 3rd Lanark R.V., who had previously disposed of the Queen's Park.

Further evidence of the democratization of the game is furnished by the appearance of a new law (No. 15), which enacts that:

"By the mutual consent of the competing clubs in matches, a referee shall be appointed, whose duty shall be to decide in all cases of dispute between its umpires. He shall also keep a record of the game and act as timekeeper, and in the event of ungentlemanly behaviour on the part of any of the contestants, the offender or offenders shall, in the presence of the umpires, be cautioned, and in the case of violent conduct, the referee shall have power to rule the offending player out of play, and order him or them off the ground, transmitting name or names to the committee of the Association under whose rules the game was played, and in whom shall be solely vested the right of accepting an apology."

This is the earliest mention of a referee in the laws of the game; and "shin-guards" also found a place in Law 10 for the first time. The idea of having to legislate for the repression of ungentlemanly behaviour and violent conduct would have severely shocked the pioneers of the game. In

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Griffith Soccer.

(From a Local Correspondent).

The Griffith Soccer Football Club commenced a successful season, the opening fixture being the Bacon Cup competition against Lake View, at the Show Ground. The acquisition of the Show Ground will mean that the local club will now have a ground second to none in the district. New goals have been erected, and the purchase of goalnets has been effected. These, together with a properly marked-out ground, will enable the club to enter the field fully equipped with all necessary appurtenances.

The club, which hitherto has been practically self-supporting, embarked on this season with every reason to anticipate that all records will be eclipsed. They are the holders of the Bacon Cup, which is played for on the league principle, each team playing the others in home and away games.

At the conclusion of this competition, the Tooth Cup will command attention. This trophy will be played for on the knock-out principle, the winners having to succeed in every match played. The local clubs engaged in these two competitions are:—Griffith, Leeton, Lake View, Murrami and Barellan. It is a great pity that Yenda are unable to form a team this season, as the town can boast such Soccer enthusiasts as Messrs. Campbell, Hudson, Dodds, and Farewell. It is to be hoped that their combined enthusiasm will be the means of reviving the club next season.

In addition to the two abovementioned trophies, the final matches of the season will be devoted to a worthy object, viz., the two matches for the "Maple" Hospital Charity Shield, which will be played for by Leeton and Griffith, one match being played at each two, the gross proceeds in each instance being handed to the local hospital where the match is played. Last season, which was the first occasion on which the Shield was played for, resulted in just under £8 being handed to the Griffith Public Hospital, but this season the officials of the local club are hoping for a much better result.

It is realised by the members that the local public are, almost to a man, under the impression that the town colours for all sporting bodies should be black and white. The colours have, therefore, been changed, and a very neat jersey will be worn by the players this season; the colours being black jerseys with a white "V" and white knickers. This type of jersey is the latest idea for Soccer colours, and is now being extensively adopted by many of the leading clubs in Great Britain.

The officials of the club have been selected rather with a view to utility than ornament, and the patron of the club, Mr. J. B. Ferguson, is a gentleman with an extensive knowledge of the game, both on the field and off. It is, perhaps, not generally known that he played as an amateur in his youth for Bolton Wanderers, the present holders of the English Cup. The president of the club is Mr. H. C. Hibbard, whose enthusiasm is best illustrated by the fact that he spent last week-end in giving the members of the local club a thorough coaching, especially with regard to the new off-side rule. Messrs. C. E. Evans and James Dodge, always staunch supporters of the club, are the vice-presidents, while the captaincy has been placed in the hands of W. E. Brooks, with L. Jackson as his "lieutenant." The job of taking all the kicks and none of the "half-pence," in other words, that of Hon. Secretary, has again been undertaken by Mr. Tom Hughes, and the club are, indeed, fortunate to obtain such an enthusiast for this important position.

Most of the "old brigade" are available, and will be strengthened by the inclusion of Miller, a sound young goal-getter; Sawyer, a capable right-half, who, it is hoped, will successfully fill the shoes, or, rather boots, of Lin Ray, whose impending departure is much regretted by the club; Humphries, who will add weight and cleverness to the forward line; and F. Jackson, a brother of the vice-captain, who looks like developing into a useful "utility" man.

Soccer Football: Its and Evolution

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many other ways it w that the increasing of the dribbling co drawbacks. Mr. C. W when commenting on ject, at the time, wro

"What was ten years ago the recre few has now become suit of thousands, exercise carried on strict system, and cases by an enforced training, almost into a profession. the introduction of and business-like ele sport is a healthy one this is not the place but there are many old fogies who recall, with satisfaction, the da football had not grown important as to make necessary and the first subject for consid

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Correspondence

The columns of this journal the discussion of any subject Soccer patrons. The opinions correspondents are not necessa by The Editor.

(To the Editor "Soccer

SPORTS GROUND OR

Sir,—The late arrival Sports Ground on our gramme day (King's Birth to find a Soccer pal to tell score, for it was no use a blank scoring board. when the Sports Ground is use of the scoring board extra expense. Let us at our next fixtures on the board will be used. it spells management, ways in use when other playing. "Let Soccer way," should be our motto ing for an improvement future,

Yours faithfully,
M.

Bay Street, Croydon.

Northern Suburbs Association

TER-DISTRICT GAME.

representative all-age team the Newcastle District is in the programme for next ay. Mr. A. Stirling, pre- of the N.D.B.F.A., will ac- y the team as manager. The ill be met at Hornsby by the ry, Mr. A. Pickering, and er, Mr. E. Simons, of this tion, and after luncheon will en by car to view Bobbin nd Kuring-gai Chase before tch. The game will start at sharp, after which the New- eam together with their re- tive opponents and officials Association will be driven nsby and entertained at din- smoko before again return- Newcastle. The Hornsby Council has given permission up contributions towards de the expenses of the tour the spectators around the it is hoped that socially, fi- lly and from the viewpoint oping the game this venture Association will be a suc-

TER-ASSOCIATION CUP MATCH.

programme for the Cup between this and the East- burbs Association is also on this page, and Mr. Van will accompany his team e East, and stay with Mr. Packer as representative at nner in Hornsby. Will beat Easts?

RESERVES.

ollowing players have been as reserves to the Northern teams above mentioned:— Inter-District match: Goal H. Scullian; full-back, J. ; half-back, P. Rodger and ll; forwards, E. Whittaker McAllan. For the Cup he reserves are:—Full-back, son; halfback, A. Warner; W. Croft. All players will o Mr. F. Silverlock for the ch and to Mr. Richards for match, who will supply ith jerseys.

MANAGEMENT.

The President, Alderman Bales, LL.B., will preside at the evening function when the members of the Management Committee, each of whom will perform duties in connection with the above fixtures, will report on the business of the afternoon.

Inter-District Representative and Inter-Association Cup Matches.

Waitara Oval, Saturday, 19th June.

PROGRAMME.

NORTHERN SUBURBS v. EASTERN SUBURBS, 1.40 p.m

NORTHERN SUBURBS
(Red and Black).

D. J. Thomson
H. Laws F. Bramley
T. Bates R. Kent A. Mussett
J. Telford S. Backhouse E. Edward J. Dawes C. Berry
O
S. Ryan V. Warren S. Flowers C. Scully S. Fowler
K. Ferguson J. Roseby J. Julian
W. Howarth J. Rattray
S. Piaud

EASTERN SUBURBS
(Red, White and Blue)

Reserves, C. Thomas, G. Russell. Referee, F. C. Packer,

NORTHERN SUBURBS v. NEWCASTLE DISTRICT, 3 p.m.

NORTHERN SUBURBS
(Royal Blue).

N. Forster
G. Gillett W. Penrose
H. Woodward F. Callaghan G. Rose
J. Walther J. Brady W. Larwood A. Swain S. Holden
O
J. Callaghan H. Parker A. Walker D. Stirling J. Embleton
E. Carr J. Waring P. Simms
H. Walters H. Lochrin
J. Robinson

NEWCASTLE DISTRICT
(Black and White)

Reserves, A. Cook, A. Dawson. Referee, C. Wiggins.

Competition Tables.

1ST GRADE

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
N. Sydney Rgrs.	7	5	1	1	36	16	11
Hornsby District	7	5	2	—	27	15	10
Roseville . . .	7	4	1	2	24	20	10
Lane Cove . .	7	1	3	3	17	20	5
Crow's Nest . .	7	1	5	1	15	24	3
Syd. Har. Bridge	7	1	5	1	13	37	3

2ND GRADE

Hornsby Dist. A	7	7	—	—	36	5	14
Roseville . . .	7	5	2	—	30	9	10
N.S. Rangers A	7	4	3	—	18	9	8
Con. Schools . .	7	3	4	—	20	30	6
Hornsby Dist. B	7	2	5	—	10	24	4
N.S. Rangers B	7	—	7	—	4	41	0

PROGRAMME

GLADESVILLE-RYDE v. THIRROUL. Ibrox Park, 3.15 p.m.

GLADESVILLE-RYDE
(White)

McKissock
2 E. Pont 1 A. Montgomery
3 Ellis 4 Henson 5 Dey
6 Hain 7 MacFarlan 8 Wright 9 Jennings 10 Robertson

O

10 Reay 9 Donaldson 8 Bell 7 Taylor 6 Flynn
5 Jobson 4 Morgan 3 Barr
2 Stewart 1 Turner
Smith

THIRROUL.

Referee, G. McLay. Linesmen, Messrs. Hogue and White.

2nd Grade, 1.45 p.m.

BALMAIN v. GLADESVILLE-RYDE.

BALMAIN.
(Black and Gold)

T. Davidson
12 W. Pont 13 Jelfs
14 A. Robertson 15 L. Jelfs 16 R. White
17 Lang 18 Gilmartin 19 H. McLeod 20 Hall 21 Conningham

O

17 Smith 18 Wallace 19 Simmons 20 McKay 21 Jennings
14 Bradley 15 Watt 16 Spurway
12 Graham 13 Groves
Cronk

GLADESVILLE-RYDE.
White

Referee, H. Batten.

Sydney Referees' Association.

The meetings of the Referees' Association, which are held every fortnight, are being largely attended, and the keen interest in the discussions of the laws of the game, and vital points, commenced early in the season, are still being maintained. It is regrettable that the services of the Lecture Board are not being availed of by the clubs. According to general opinion, it would be an asset to the game if players, and also supporters of clubs, were enlightened on the finer points which happen on the field. Dissatisfaction is being expressed by various referees at the unjust remarks hurled at them at some of the matches, even the chief stalwarts of the whistle are being subjected to ungentlemanly remarks after giving a fair and proper decision.

It is a most regular occurrence every Saturday at one or other of the grounds, for referees to be interrogated when coming off the field, on points that they have given a decision on, which has been in full compliance of the laws of the game, but not known by the spectators; and in justice to the referee who gives his best every Saturday, the Lecture Board would be pleased to try and obviate such treatment if their services were sought. It would be well to remember that the progress of the game depends a great deal on the man who becomes a referee, and that is why they are tutored up to interpret the law in the proper way, irrespective of the opinions of the multitude.

A decision was given only this season on one of the leading grounds, and the referee's decision questioned, but it was in full compliance with Law 13. Old players who have taken up the whistle have learnt much by their action.

It is quite easy to go to a match, and if things do not go your way, to cast reflections on the man in charge of the game. It is no easy job to be a referee. Temperament is a great factor. But let who castigate come forwa the Referees' Association, prove on those they inte There is ample scope for the their services would be well of if their standard is perfe

Let us look from the poi referee. He it is who coa great extent the juniors come seniors. He travels four corners of the metro control and assist the you the inconveniences are no only by himself. Open gro often his lot; with risks but he does not squeal. The associations of the past five years are run by members Referees' Association becau are no others offering, and end they are unjustly tre persons who are ignoran laws being administered.

It would do the game amount of good if those wh so much condemnation wo down among the junior ations, like the referees, deavour to bring about the they desire. Let it be rem that the Referees' Associa an Appointment Board, wh their services gratuitously year; who travel around various grounds at their pense, and appoint refe their standard. These tried and experienced, and ficient knowledge of the tations of the laws, and kno a referee gives a just dec

It would be a further have more men of this type do not desire a monument work, but the least that accorded them would be fair ment to the men they app assistance in their endea create a higher standard ciency. Often we have men subjected to treatme ungentlemanly, and offe clubs have stood by and with delight these acti would be well now for the making these remarks to be come forward, and do wha feree is doing. They are and there is ample room let clubs seek the service Lecture Board and be en on the finer points of the give to the referee fair which is accepted by every ber of the Association, motto is, "Honest critic proves."

ERN SUBURBS ASSN.

Saturday, 19th instant, the our Association Cup will be played against Districts at Waitara Oval p.m. Players and sup- are requested to meet at on's Point wharf, Circular 12.15 p.m.

llowing players have been —Goal, S. Piaud; full- J. Rattray, W. Howarth; s, J. Julian, J. Loseby , K. Ferguson; forwards, er, C. Scully, F. Flowers, en, S. Ryan; reserves, C. G. Russell.

we see a splendid match urday at Centennial Park between Bondi Waratahs ny Methodist? The Waras a beautiful goal from a just on time, and all sup- went home in high feather.

to know:

goalkeeper only wears one d?

some teams blame the re- hen they lose?

some clubs do not ring on s and give the results of atches?

RES FOR SATURDAY, 26 JUNE, 1926.

All Age.

Beach v. Bondi Waratah, Park, 3.15.

Methodist v. Rose Bay, Cen- l Park, 3.15.

v. United Juniors, Double 3.15.

A. Grade.

hurst Rangers v. Vaucluse, Bay, 1.45.

v. Olympians, Matraville,

Beach v. Bondi Waratah, nial Park 13, 3.15.

United v. Banksmeadow , Centennial Park 12, 1.45.

B. Grade.

, bye.

le Rovers v. Waverley , Moore Park, 1.45.

ia Juniors v. Bondi Wara- ooralee, 3.15.

y United v. Bondi Beach, nial Park 13, 1.45.

C. Grade.

v. Tingira, Queen's Park,

y Juniors v. P. A. Juniors, 's Park, 1.45.

Sports v. Bondi Waratahs, 's Park, 2.50.

Beach v. Alexandria Juniors, ee, 2.0.

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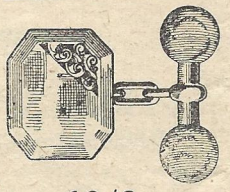

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To-day's Fixtures.

9th ROUND.

Angus and Coote Challenge Shield.

White Bay Power House v. Five Dock, Wentworth Park 1, 3.15.

Easton Park v. Glebe I.O.O.F., Wentworth Park 2, 3.15.

George Hudson v. Perdronian, King George Park, 3.15.

Annandale Federals forfeit to Newtown Juniors.

Plywood Rovers v. Leichhardt, Algie Park, 3.15.

B. Grade.

Annandale Waratahs v. Rozelle Waratahs, Easton Park, 3.15.

Botany Rechabites v. Balmain Juniors, Easton Park, 1.45.

Wentworth Juniors v. Ferfail Iona, Wentworth Park 1, 1.45.

Lilyfield United, bye.

Glanville Memorial Cup.

Annandale Corinthians v. Leichhardt Juniors, Algie Park, 2.0.

Easton Park v. Rozelle Waratahs, King George Park, 2.0.

Lilyfield United v. Annandale Avoca, Federal Park, 3.15.

Annandale Fernleigh v. Annandale Kia Ora, Federal Park, 2.0.

Ashfield Rovers v. Ultimo Juniors, Wentworth Park 2, 2.0.

LITHGOW SOCCER.

The game is progressing well in the Lithgow district, the football now being served up to the public being excellent, consequently the attendances are increasing every match. There is no doubt that the support is here for Soccer, if we can only deliver the goods.

The last two games, between Small Arms Factory and Ziz-Zag and Thistles and Zig-Zag, were excellent, great combination being witnessed.

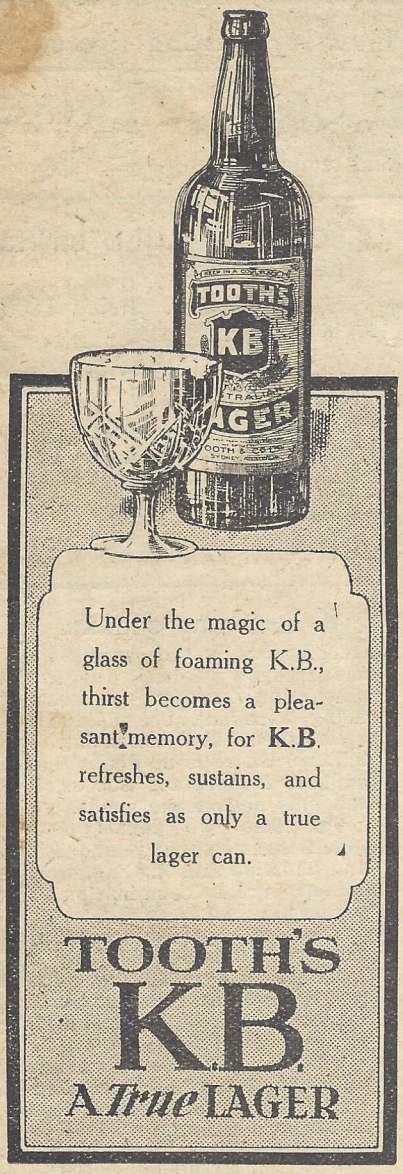
There were seven teams in the First-grade Competition, viz., Small Arms Factory, Zig-Zag, Thistle, Portland Town, Portland Grand United, Cullen Bullen, and Katoomba.

The Second-grade teams number five, viz., School of Arts, Zig-Zag, Oakey Park, Small Arms Factory, and Mort's Estate.

The School teams, under the care of Mr. G. Coomber, Secretary of the W.D.S.F.A., number nine, which constitutes a record.

REFEREES' RE-UNION.

The Referees' Association have decided to have a re-union smoko. on July 24th next, in the Masonic Hall, Balmain. It is the intention to bring together referees of the Metropolis, Association and Club officials. A varied programme is being arranged, and an excellent evening is the object among Soccer followers. Tickets are being issued and can be had from any member of the Referees' Association.



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PROGRAMME

STATE CHAMPIONSHIP (1st Round

BALMAIN v. CANTERBURY, Redfern Oval, 3.15

BALMAIN.
(BLACK AND GOLD HALVES)
H. Simmons

1 D. Barron 2 R. Leadbe
3 W. Ferguson 4 G. Storey 5 W
6 L. Parker 7 J. Sinclair 8 W. Buttel 9 F. Hancock

O

10 W. Nightengale 9 A. Forbes 8 R. Bennett 7 L. Co
5 Casley 4 McLaren 3 E. Lo
2 W. Brown or 12 O. Joass 1 Crawhurst
Bailey

CANTERBURY
(BLUE AND GOLD)

Reserves Canterbury, 11 W. Robinson 12 Webber 13 Wa
Referee—A. W. Bates. Linesmen, Messrs. Purdy and Jac

2nd Grade 1.45

ANNANDALE-LEICHHARDT v. EASTERN SUB

ANNANDALE-LEICHHARDT.
W. Gain

12 W. Sims 13 G. Graham
14 W. Park 15 A. Crum 16 W. Bu
17 J. Gigg 18 M. Hurst 19 R. Birch S. Quinn

O

21 Brown 20 Unwin 19 Dean 18 Hewieson
16 C. Thatcher 15 J. Judge 14 S.
13 J. McQuarrie 12 C. Dryden
N. Godbee

EASTERN SUBURBS
(Red, White and Blue)

Reserves—Eastern Sub., 22 Cartier 23 Herman
Referee—J. Lester.

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PROGRAMME

STATE CHAMPIONSHIP (Gardiner Cup)

ANNANDALE-LEICHHARDT v. ST. GEORGE,
Sydney Cricket Ground, No. 2, 3.15 p.m.

ANNANDALE-LEICHHARDT.
(Black)
F. Anderson
1 J. Crum 2 W. Turner
L. Owen 4 D. Downing 5 A. Lambert
7 W. Foley 8 L. Brisbane 9 G. Froome 10 R. Osborne
O
-Smith 9 C. Hayes 8 T. Robson 7 H. McCaw 6 E. Burchett
G. Dean 4 A. Chiswell 3 H. Langenberg
2 G. Smart 1 L. Forrester
H. Theak

ST. GEORGE
Red and White
—St. George, 11 C. Arnold
—W. A. Wright

2nd Grade, 1.45
CANTERBURY v. ST. GEORGE,

CANTERBURY.
(Blue and Gold)
Kellie
12 Meichan or 11 Joass 13 Tyson
Stannard 15 W. Robinson 16 Whitehead
ms 18 McLeod 19 Horan 20 Howard 21 Dackin
O
20 C. Brown 19 A. Stepto 18 C. Storey 17 H. Soames
16 D. Beach 15 J. Hotchkis 14 W. Worrall
13 M. Kennedy 12 G. Wilkinson
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SOCCER IN ST. GEORGE

In a previous article under the above caption a resume was given endeavouring to illustrate the manner in which the popularity of the round ball code had fluctuated in St. George during the past 15 years. Statistics quoted and mentioned of St. George becoming an important residential area due to recent modern developments, showed the great possibilities the district presented, with an ever-growing tendency towards the Soccer game.

It should be distinctly understood that these articles are not intended solely to boost St. George, it being acquiesced that other districts are working equally assiduously, and have been for a longer period, and those in St. George would be just as interested to read of their pioneering exploits. The fact that some benefit has accrued from the previous article has encouraged the writer to continue his efforts, as offers of assistance have been received by the District Club officials, one in particular from Leichhardt being greatly appreciated.

ST. GEORGE DISTRICT CLUB.

As it was the efforts of the old St. George District Club and the fact that a flourishing junior association existed, which no doubt prompted the controlling body to grant St. George an area under the district system, it is intended in this issue to outline briefly the history of the former club.

When the Rechabite Association previously mentioned ceased operations in 1919, the surplus of players necessitated the formation of several junior clubs, and in 1921 a scheme to form a first grade district team originated from Mr. H. Read, and many preliminary meetings were held at his residence. Eventually Mr. V. Belcher was approached to act as secretary (pro tem), and a public meeting was convened by him on September 28, 1921, at which delegates from the various clubs attended. The club being inaugurated, the first general meeting was fixed for January 16, 1922.

At this meeting, held at th Kogarah School of Arts, the late Mr. Jack Wilson was unanimously elected president. (The genial "Jock," as he was more familiarly known, was an old English professional, who played for Pyrmont Rangers in 1895, when, under the captaincy of Bob Hitchens, they won the Kerr Cup and were runners-up in the State Championship). Mr. Belcher was elected secretary, with Mr. T. Burnett treasurer, and it is interesting to note that of the four names submitted as the first M.C., Messrs. Hunt, Engleburt and Read are at present officials of the club, the former two having been in office continuously.

Seventeen First League players of that period joined up, but owing to the M.S.F.A. ruling that the club must first win its spurs in second grade football before gaining admittance to first grade ranks under the club system then in vogue, only three offered their services when the whips cracked, viz., R. Bird, H. Cooper and G. Jones. However, an eleven of mediocre standard was secured, with "Bluey" Reid as captain, but no great success attended their efforts.

ENTER SECRETARY BOB BIRD.

With the temporary removal from the district of the president and a laxity on the part of the secretary, the foundations of the club were tottering. At this juncture Messrs. A. Hunt and R. G. Bird were elected president and secretary respectively, the latter's efforts immediately resulting in the securing of Cook Park as a home ground. Their trials did not cease here, for a bombshell was dropped by the head body, holding them responsible for a debt of £7 incurred by a club styled St. George the previous year, but which was now defunct. Messrs. Bird, Hunt and Read attended at the Sports Club in defence of the club, and it was in this instance that the former first proved his capabilities as secretary, and alone convinced the M.S.F.A. management by conclusive documentary evidence of the injustice of their claim, the club being absolved from all responsibility.

Towards the close of the season the formation of a St. George Junior Association had amongst its objects the fostering and wholehearted support of the District Club, and for this purpose, Mr. H. Read, a strong advocate of the district system, conscientiously endeavoured to bring about an amalgamation of the two bodies; but there was strong opposition to the scheme for various rea[illegible] the club eventually affil[illegible] the association with repre[illegible] on the committee. Had the [illegible]gamation been possible the [illegible] estrangement would prob[illegible] have arisen.

1923 SECOND GRADE PR[illegible]

The following year—[illegible] prospects of the St. Geo[illegible] were much brighter. Mes[illegible] and Bird were re-elected [illegible] respective positions, and [illegible]bert Jones took over the [illegible]ship. A galaxy of players [illegible]fering, including Johnny [illegible] and the late Jock Murray [illegible] main Gladstones, while the [illegible]arah all-age team (which [illegible] the semi-final of the [illegible] Cup undefeated, but were [illegible]fied for a questionable [illegible] breach) linked up as a [illegible] was from this team that [illegible] sent players—Chiswell [illegible] and Charlie Hayes—were [illegible] earthed.

The close of the season [illegible] George second grade prem[illegible] the right to compete in the [illegible] division of the first grade [illegible]lowing year. Weekes be[illegible] goal average with 16, Hayes [illegible] a close second with 14. [illegible] this year a team had also [illegible]tered in the junior ass[illegible] with a deal of success.

1924 saw St. George [illegible] forth as a first grade team [illegible] two teams were entered [illegible] junior association. The old [illegible]tive were re-elected, with [illegible]ception that Mr. R. T. Pa[illegible]ceeded Mr. G. Jones as [illegible] For their initial appearance [illegible] grade ranks, St. George a[illegible] themselves ably, out of 14 [illegible] winning 7, drawing 3, and [illegible] Hayes this time secured the [illegible] goal average with 16.

The next season witnes[illegible] introduction of the District S[illegible] and it is a peculiar fact that [illegible] momentous meeting which [illegible] the issue, the District Club [illegible]gates voted against the [illegible] while junior association re[illegible]atives affirmed it. Having [illegible]plished its original purpose, [illegible] club was finally wound up [illegible] present club formally ins[illegible] with the old executive unan[illegible] re-elected.

EFFORTS FOR A HO[illegible] GROUND.

Many attempts have been [illegible] to secure a home ground for [illegible]cer in St. George. The fi[illegible]

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Canterbury visits Murrumbidgee Irrigation Area

Canterbury District Club eam to play Grijth and Lee- the King's Birthday week-

s probably the longest tour ken by any club for pro- purposes, the team cover- roximately 850 miles from day night until Wednesday

rip was a most enjoyable the whole party, compris- teen, and which included H. Midgley (manager) and y-player, R. Grieve, were leave the area at the con- of the two matches played.

atches played on the area take place on Sundays the great distances be- the townships, some of re over 60 miles apart.

mpetition this year origin- mprised five towns, viz., Griffith, Barrellan, Mur- Lake View. The latter ever, found it impossible on, and have withdrawn competition. Griffith have enough players for their having been augmented of the Lake View players, posed to form a second Griffith to take the place by Lake View.

ks well for the enthusiasm layers in these scattered hen one considers the great of travelling which has to every week to participate e of Soccer. All travel- be done by motor car or the one-a-day train service venient, and the minimum man for a team travelling the maximum about 35/ uld our city players think ad to put their hands so in their pockets every a game? The grounds the matches were played the one at Leeton being er of the two and very

The first match, on Sunday, 6th June, at Griffith, was a good, solid game, but the combination and youth of Canterbury were too much for the locals, and they won rather easily, although the score was only 1—0 in their favour. The feature of the game was a magnificent save by the Cantab Goalie, Kellie, who made a spectacular dive at a fast ball travelling for the bottom corner of the net, which he turned round the post.

On King's Birthday the team travelled 40 miles to play at Leeton, where they met a stronger combination, and a very interesting, fast and clean game ended in a two-all draw.

There are quite a number of good players in the area, including E. Waldon, the ex-Granville inside left, who is still the star forward up that way, but spoils his play by hanging on too long. Les. Jackson, the outside right from Griffith, runs him a close second.

In Brooks and Alexander they have a pair of sound full-backs whose kicking was a feature of the play. The latter is a Scot, who has only been in the country 12 months, and he would be an acquisition to many Sydney teams. Only 25 years of age, he stands 6ft. 3in., and weights 15st. He has good judgment, and can kick a ball almost the length of the field with either foot.

The reception given the visitors was wonderful. They were accommodated at first-class hotels and everything possible was done to make their stay a pleasant one.

The Cantabs claim they were treated like a touring international team, and proclaim there are no finer sports in the Soccer world than those in the Murrumbidgee area.

Mr. Tom Hughes, who originated the idea of the visit, and who is secretary of the Griffith Club, worked like a Trojan to see everything went along smoothly, and that the visitors had a good time. Mr. C. Hibbard, who ably refereed both matches, and who has had a N.S.W. certificate from 1911, is the president of the Griffith Club, and he also was unstinted in his efforts to make a success of the tour, together with Mr. Evans, the genial president of the Association in the area.

At the other end—Leeton—Mr. Frank Hampshire, the captain of the club, and Mr. Bacon, their president and donor of the beautiful Bacon Cup which the teams compete for, saw that nothing was left undone to make the stay in that town a happy and congenial one. The "gate" at Griffith amounted to £18, which is a record, and at Leeton £11, which was somewhat disappointing, as the biggest crowd was expected at Leeton. The total cost of the tour to the clubs and association was in the vicinity of £100, and every penny was paid by them.

It was a huge undertaking, and deserved better results from the point of view of the gate returns, but it is conceded the exhibition by the visitors will tend to improve the standard of the play there, which is at the present time too much kick and rush with very little combination.

Jim Burns, who captained Canterbury, was a revelation to our country friends. His trickiness and ball control had them tied in knots time after time, and earned for him rounds of applause. It was easily his best exhibition this season.

The Murrumbidgee Association is anxious to send a team to Sydney to play an early game to some big match, preferably against Canterbury, and it is hoped the N.S.W. Association will do something in this direction, and thus help to foster the code in an area where they have men working unsparingly and spending money unstintingly in the interest of the Soccer Code.

Eastern Suburbs Association

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Competition Tables

All Age.

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Rose Bay - -	8	6	1	1	36	11	13
Bondi Waratah	8	5	1	2	27	21	12
Botany Meths.	8	4	2	2	22	16	10
United Juniors	8	3	3	2	25	14	8
Bondi Beach -	7	1	5	1	13	25	3
Tingira - -	7	—	7	—	6	42	0

A. Grade.

Bondi Beach .	8	7	—	1	52	6	15
Banks. Rovers	8	6	1	1	41	5	13
Bondi United .	7	6	1	—	32	9	12
Bondi Waratah	8	4	4	—	27	17	8
Olympians . .	8	3	5	—	25	33	6
Darl. Rangers	8	2	5	1	13	38	5
Vaucluse . .	8	1	6	1	8	46	3
Y.M.C.A. . .	7	—	7	—	2	46	0

C. Grade.

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Alex. Juniors .	8	7	1	—	47	2	14
Tingira . . .	8	6	1	1	38	4	13
Bondi Beach .	8	6	1	1	32	7	13
Wav. Juniors .	8	4	2	2	15	15	10
Central Sports	8	2	5	1	14	22	5
P.A. Juniors .	8	2	6	—	13	32	4
Bondi Waratah	8	2	6	—	7	36	4
Vaucluse . .	8	—	7	1	1	49	1

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5 J. Moir 4 R. Critcher 3 A. Kerr

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Metropolitan Association

ULTS OF LAST SATURDAY'S GAMES.

TATE CHAMPIONSHIP.

in beat Canterbury, 3-0.
al forfeited to Woonona.

1st Grade.

al drew with Annandale-hardt, 1-1.
nie beat Pyrmont-South Syd-2-0.

2nd Grade.

bury beat Eastern Suburbs,

eorge beat Pyrmont-South ney, 5-2.
ville-Ryde beat Annandale-hardt, 3-1.
in received forfeit from ville.

CLUB LEAGUE.

dria beat Callan Park, 4-2.
United beat Botany Al-, 4-1.
South Sydney beat Manly,

o-Day's Fixtures

TATE CHAMPIONSHIP.

1st Round.

v. Canterbury, Redfern 3.15.

Second Round.

le-Leich. v. St. George, y Cricket Ground, No. 2, p.m.

1st Grade.

Suburbs v. Corrimal, Can-y, 3.15.
l v. Gladesville-Ryde, Ibrox 3.15 p.m.
e v. Woonona, onona, 3.30 p.m.

Second Grade.

ge v. Canterbury, Sydney Ground, No. 2, 1.45 p.m.
Suburbs v. Annandale-hardt, Redfern Oval, 1.45

v. Gladesville-Ryde, Ibrox 1.45 p.m.

CLUB LEAGUE.

Botany-Albion v. Pyrmont-South Sydney, Alexandria Park, 3.15 p.m.

Auburn United v. Alexandria, Auburn Park, 3.15 p.m.

Callan Park v. Kenilworth, Callan Park, 3.15 p.m.

Manly v. Balmain, Keirle Park, 3.15 p.m.

PREMIERSHIP TABLES

FIRST GRADE

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Balgownie	10	8	2	—	29	8	16
Ann.-Leichhardt	11	6	2	3	14	8	15
Glad.-Ryde	10	6	3	1	17	14	13
Canterbury	10	6	3	1	26	15	13
Corrimal	10	6	3	1	28	19	13
Woonoona	9	5	3	1	24	17	11
Balmain	10	2	5	3	18	26	7
East. Suburbs	10	3	7	—	14	29	6
Thirroul	9	2	6	1	11	36	5
Pyr.-Sth. Sydney	11	1	7	3	9	24	5
St. George	10	1	7	2	13	29	4

2ND GRADE

Ann.-Leichhardt	11	7	3	1	19	13	19
Canterbury	11	6	2	3	21	12	15
Balmain	11	5	2	4	21	17	14
Glad.-Ryde	11	5	5	1	23	27	11
East. Suburbs	11	3	6	2	10	23	8
St. George	11	3	8	—	18	30	6
Pyr.-Sth. Sydney	11	2	8	1	16	38	5

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LAST WEEK.

St. Oswalds gave Souls a good run for their money. Wal Woodword especially kept the Two Blue forwards in order. All Saints A. not only had St. Barts. thinking, but scored the only goal during the game. Tom Travers, ex-captain of All Saints and now resident in Queanbeyan, was a spectator. Holy Trinity A. routed St. Aidans, 6—1. Dayman and Kelly were both rather badly knocked about.

Holy Trinity B. and St. Thomas A. ended with honors even, C. S. Smith playing well. St. Stephen's tossed St. Paul's A. largely owing to the good work of Evans. St. Silas' A. and Campsie Pres. both struck snags in each other and divided the points.

Tempe Park Meths. very nearly went under last Saturday to Ernie Willy's team. All Saints' B. ran all over Balmain Bapt, but couldn't get between the sticks. Perhaps the fastest 2nd grade game seen this year was played at Ashfield, when Croydon Congs A. (2) defeated Concord Meths (1). A draw would have been a more equitable result.

Annandale Meths went down to their neighbours, St. Aidan's B. The Meth team seem to be playing with bad luck lately, and find difficulty in fielding a team. Biggs and Haywood played well at Centennial Park No. 1, though St. Silas' were inclined to talk a bit. Christ Church and Botany Pres provided the sixth draw. Wilkinson was the best player in the early game, when Dick Allen's team collected two points.

Eslich and Crochett played well in the early game at Wardell Road No. 1. St. Andrew's Lak. went under with colours flying. This team deserves great praise for the plucky fight they're putting up. Eleven stars made up the team that towelled Dul. Hill Meth. at Centennial Park No. 2. The early game was a hard one, but neither Warren Meth. nor St. Thomas' B. seemed to have much idea of football. Marrickville Pres. B. are working up and showed Campsie ngs. a point—to the tune of 2 to 1.

TO-NIGHT.

An idea of a dialogue which should be heard on every field today.

Player: "Where are you going to-night, Jim?"

Team Secretary (Jim): "To-night! Why, to the Association dance in the I.O.O.F. Temple, of course. You're goin' too, aren't you?"

Player: "By Jove! Association dance, eh! Same as we had in the Marrickville Town Hall and I.O.O.F. last year?"

Team Secretary: "That's the idea. All the boys'll be there, and the Page Bros. are playing."

Player: "Good oh, I'm on. Give us four tickets, will you?. I know another couple'll come."

Team Secretary (sotto voce): That's good. I've sold my twenty now."

GALA DAY.

On the King's Birthday a fairly successful sports day was held on Canterbury Sports Ground. Mr. R. A. Brydie, asst. hon. secretary, acted as M.C., and he more than proved he was the man for the job. Though the weather was the reverse of altra, over 400 people went through the gate.

The following are the results of the various events.

1st Grade, 6 a side, K.O. Competition, Holy Trinity A.

2nd Grade, 6 a side, K.O. Competition, Croydon Congs. A.

3rd Grade, 6 a side, K.O. Competition, Campsie Congs.

1st Grade, 100 yds., J. Lockeridge (Lakemba Congs.), A. McMinn (St. Oswalds).

2nd Grade, 100 yds., Day (All Saints B.), Towle (Lak. Congs. B.)

3rd Grade, 100 yds., Cheesman (Croydon Congs. B.), Jamieson (St. Aidans B.)

Association, 100 yds., J. Lockeridge (Lak. Congs.), Chessell (Lak. Congs.)

2nd Grade, 100 yds., Ch Congs.), Walker (La

3rd Grade, 100 yds. (Croydon Congs. B (St. Aidans B.)

Association High Jump (Croydon Congs. A (Croydon Congs. A

Association Mile, Wa Congs. A.), Locke Congs.)

3rd Grade Relay, Pres. A.

The following membe and Council rendered vice and enabled Mr carry out the programme Smith, Messrs. R. Mc Titterton, S. Taylor, G Robinson, Stevenson, Warner, Crossfield and action of the following giving their services is appreciated, Messrs. Muir, Nixon, Speechley, Crockett, Peebles and F

The trophies will be g the dance, to be held in Temple, Elizabeth Street night, at 7.45 p.m. (2/-) ronage of all players is asked in order to make the the success it should be.

DRAW FOR SATURD JUNE, 192

1st Grade.

All Saints A. v. Holy Tri Canterbury No. 2, at

All Souls v. Lakemba Lakemba, 3.15.

St. Oswalds v. Campsie Croydon Park, 3.15.

St. Aidans A. v. St. Bar Ashfield, 3.15.

2nd Grade. "A" Div

Tempe Park Meths. v. St. Cook's Rr., 3.15.

Campsie Pres. v. St. Silas terbury No. 3, 3.15.

Leichhardt Pres. v. St. Wardell Rd., No. 4, 3.15.

Newtown Meths. v. St. Wardell Rd., No. 2, 3.15.

Holy Trinity, bye.

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to

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Soccer Football in St. George

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portant step in this direction was a scheme developed by Mr. Read for the purchase of Collins' paddock now known as the St. George Sports Ground. At that time just on seven acres were available for £1000, at £100 deposit and five years' terms at 6 per cent. The St. George Club did not have sufficient support at that time to warrant the venture, and the matter was placed before the preliminary meetings of the St. George Association, and eventually £250 was promised from reliable sources. At this stage a private buyer suggested that the option be lifted allowing him to purchase and lease the ground to the Soccer organisation. This was thought to be in the best interests of the code and readily acceded to, but with many misgivings at a later date.

Recent events, however, have forced the District Club to definitely consider the purchase of a home ground, and after many inspections and considerable organising, in which Treasurer Patis has taken a very prominent part, an option was secured on a suitable area, comprising seven acres and facing Prince's Highway, Carlton. Immediately operations were commenced for the floating of a limited liability company and a prospectus issued, the provisional directors being Messrs. F. Stephens (ex-Mayor of Bexley), chairman; R. Patis, A. Hunt, H. Read, and D. Yaffa, with Mr. R. Bird company secretary. The proposition is an excellent one, and should return almost immediate profits by the sale of 17 building allotments, as per details in prospectus. The option has been lifted, but the company has not yet been registered owing to the chairman considering that sufficient capital is not available for the securing of the whole for £4000. In the event of no further shares being applied for, an alternative scheme will probably be submitted for the purchase of a playing area only. Negotiations are still proceeding.

ABOUT THE OFFICIALS.

President Arthur Hunt, who represents the district on the M.S.F.A. management committee, is the little fellow with the big business acumen. His first connection with the game was as a member of the N.S.W. Referees' Association in 1911, and afterwards he filled the office of treasurer. Besides his efforts for the District Club, he assisted greatly in the pioneering stages of the St. George Association, and was a member of the M.C. up to the breakaway. He was a devotee of club football and has given voice to some rather unexpected utterances, but at all times accepts the verdict of the majority.

Secretary R. G. Bird joined up with the old club as a playing member, but unfortunately injured his knee in the first game against Abbotsford, and has devoted his time to secretarial duties ever since. He played for Lancashire team (Second Division) in 1921. He is also one of the pioneers of the St. George Association, a great sticker for constitutionalism, and supporter of the district system. A capable and reliable secretary, he delves into minute details in his annual reports with enthusiasm. "Why worry?—leave it to Bob!" is an axiom too often left to his conscientiousness.

Treasurer R. T. Patis, J.P., is entering on his third year as an executive officer, and represents the club on the council of the M.S.F.A. He first came into prominence as a committeeman of the Rechabite Soccer Association in 1918-19, and later with the St. George Association. As a debt collector he has few equals, his one aim being to produce a credit balance, a seemingly impossible task with the coffers of the club generally at low ebb.

Mr. H. G. Read (member of the committee) is a younger brother of Mr. Oscar Read, secretary of the N.S.W. Junior Association some 14 years back. Mr. Harold Read was a member of the old N.S.W. Referees' Association from 1915 to the end of 1922, representing that body on the Junior Association for several years. He resigned to form the St. George Referees' Association, and has been in the forefront of every Soccer move in St. George for the past 15 years.

Mr. W. Engleburt, a m[illegible] the M.C., and one of the [illegible] has occupied this position [illegible] formation of the old club, [illegible] in the same capacity on [illegible] George Association. At all [illegible] willing worker, he is par[illegible] noted for his brand of "ch[illegible]

Mr. W. A. Campbell, [illegible] president and member of [illegible] mittee, has given liberal [illegible] assistance to various orga[illegible] of the code for the past [illegible] He was a vice-president of [illegible] club since its inception, [illegible] co-delegate with Mr. Patis [illegible] M.S.F.A. council.

Mr. A. E. Long, selec[illegible] member of the M.C., was a [illegible] ation member of the St. Geo[illegible] ferees' Association, and re[illegible] ed that body on the junior [illegible] tion from its inauguration [illegible] formation of the present [illegible] Club.

The remaining two com[illegible] men, **Messrs. H. Burns and** [illegible] **well**, also act as selectors, [illegible] ter being the popular captain [illegible] first team, while the former [illegible] as a playing member this [illegible]

Protestant Churches Assn.

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2nd Grade, "B" Divisio[illegible]

Croydon Congs. A. v. [illegible] Meths. B., Canterbury No. [illegible]
Kogarah Pres. v. Leichhardt [illegible] Wardell Rd., No. 3, 3.15.
All Saints B. v. St. Pauls [illegible] terbury No. 3, 1.45.
Lakemba Congs. A. v. [illegible] Meths., Concord, 3.15.
St. Johns v. Balmain Bap[illegible] tennial Park No. 2, 3.15.

3rd Grade, "A" Divisio[illegible]

St. Aidan's B. v. St. Michael[illegible] dell Rd. No. 4, 1.45.
Christ Church v. St. Andrew[illegible] Wardell Rd. No. 3, 1.45.
Croydon Congs B. v. St. [illegible] Ashfield, 1.45.
St. Silas B. v. Annandale [illegible] Centennial Park No. 1, 3.15.
Botany Pres., the bye.

3rd Grade, "B" Divisio[illegible]

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